GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Indian Small Scale Industries are facing challenges of competition from multinational companies;

(b): if so, the details in this regard; and

(c): the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to help the SSI?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The process of liberalisation and globalisation presents both several opportunities and challenges to the Indian Small Scale Industries (SSI), including wider markets as well as greater competition from multinational companies.

(c): With a view to helping the SSIs enhance their competitiveness, the Central Government implements a number of schemes/programmes which provide the SSI, interalia, easier access to credit, collateral free loan upto Rs. 5 lakh, credit guarantee for loans upto Rs. 25 lakh, credit linked capital subsidy for technology upgradation, facility for testing the quality of products, reimbursement of 75% of the cost of obtaining ISO 9000/14001 upto Rs. 75,000/-, etc.